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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) <b>5063 US</b>
In re Application of <b>Luz Montesclaros et al.</b>		
Application Number <b>10/618,493</b>		Filed <b>July 11, 2003</b>
For <b>Methods and Kits for Obtaining Nucleic Acid From Biological Samples</b>		
Group Art Unit <b>1635</b>	Examiner <b>Richard A. Schnizer</b>	Dated: <b>March 21, 2006</b>

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) (1020)                      \$ 1020.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$                     .

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2213.  
 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the    ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.

☐ applicant.

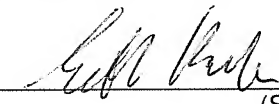
☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
                                 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).           .

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March 21, 2006

Date

  
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